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H. RES. 98

Honoring the life and achievements of the late Dr. John Garang de Mabior and reaffirming the continued commitment of the House of Representatives to a just and lasting peace in the Republic of the Sudan.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 24, 2007

Mr. PAYNE (for himself, Mr. WOLF, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. LANTOS, Ms. LEE, Ms. WATSON, Ms. WATERS, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. WATT, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. CLYBURN, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. CLARKE, Mr. RUSH, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. WYNN, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. CLAY, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. ELLISON, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. DAVIS of Alabama, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. CARSON, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MEEK of Florida, and Mr. JACKSON of Illinois) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and achievements of the late Dr. John Garang de Mabior and reaffirming the continued commitment of the House of Representatives to a just and lasting peace in the Republic of the Sudan.

Whereas Dr. John Garang de Mabior, founder and leader of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army (SPLM/A), was born on June 23, 1945, in Bor, Sudan;

Whereas Dr. Garang joined the Anya-Nya Movement in 1970, a liberation movement in southern Sudan, and after the 1972 Addis Ababa Peace Agreement, he became a member of the Sudanese Armed Forces;

Whereas as Deputy Director of the Military Research Branch of the Sudanese Armed Forces, Dr. Garang demonstrated his leadership abilities in the early stages of his military career;

Whereas Dr. Garang studied economics at Grinnell College and received his master of arts and doctorate degrees from Iowa State University;

Whereas as the undisputed leader of the SPLM/A, Dr. Garang demonstrated remarkable political and military leadership for over two decades;

Whereas Dr. Garang skillfully managed to consolidate his base after the devastating split in the SPLM/A in 1991;

Whereas Dr. Garang was a soldier, a scholar, a statesman, and a father, who had a clear vision and unwavering love for his people and country;

Whereas Dr. Garang fought for 22 years to achieve a just peace for his people, but only served 21 days as First Vice President of Sudan;

Whereas Dr. Garang fought not only for the people in southern Sudan, but also for the forgotten and long marginalized people of the Nuba Mountains, Southern Blue Nile, Darfur, and other regions of the country;

Whereas Dr. Garang worked tirelessly to help build international support for a new Sudan that would be multi-ethnic, multi-religious, democratic, and united;

Whereas the new Sudan envisioned by Dr. Garang, if fully realized, would be a country in which all Sudanese would live in peace without discrimination and hatred, with equality, pride, and dignity;

Whereas Dr. Garang creatively and painstakingly managed the often conflicting aspirations of his people for an independent southern Sudan and his vision for a new Sudan;

Whereas the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, which was signed by the Government of Sudan and the SPLM/A on January 9, 2005, gave southern Sudan the right to self determination through a referendum after six years and also offered the northern establishment in Sudan the opportunity to make unity attractive during the interim period;

Whereas on July 8, 2005, millions of people throughout Sudan came to show their support in Khartoum when Dr. Garang was sworn in as First Vice President of Sudan; and

Whereas on July 30, 2005, Dr. John Garang died in a helicopter crash on his way back to southern Sudan from Uganda: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) honors the life and achievements of Dr.
3 John Garang de Mabior;

4 (2) reaffirms its commitment to a just and last-
5 ing peace in the Republic of the Sudan;

6 (3) calls for full implementation of the Com-
7 prehensive Peace Agreement without any delay;

1 (4) strongly urges the people of southern Sudan
2 and its leaders to continue to support Dr. Garang's
3 vision for a new Sudan;

4 (5) strongly supports the creation of a Dr. John
5 Garang de Mabior Institute for Agriculture, Peace,
6 and Economic Development; and

7 (6) directs the Clerk of the House of Represent-
8 atives to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution
9 to the Secretary of State with a request that the
10 Secretary transmit it to Dr. Garang's widow, Re-
11 becca Garang, and to the Government of Southern
12 Sudan, through the Office of the Sudan People's
13 Liberation Movement (SPLM) in the District of Co-
14 lumbia.

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